

UPCOMING EVENTS

BFC Rides Saturday 23rd February 2002 – Departing Shell servo Kessels Rd, Garden City (*beside Garden City shopping Centre*) at 9am traveling via Fernvale, Wivenhoe Dam, Mt Glorious, to Samford for lunch, choice of shops or counter meal at Hotel (*no drinking alcohol permitted on BFC outings*) with great fellowship in the park and a game of footy.

Sunday 31st March 2002 – Departing 12.30 from Caltex on the service Rd near the Logan Hyperdome, travelling through Redland Bay, Cleveland to Wellington Point, Wynnum (cafe stop), then through Lytton and the Gateway back home to my house for coffee at Kingston before church.

Other Bikers events

16th Feb Swap meet Valley footy club Pillar St Toowoomba, Peter 4633 3773 / Gary 4634 3597

17th March Melany Motorcycle swap Melany show grounds more info 5545 0818

27th April MRAQ Vino Collapso rally at Delveen sports ground. Fully catered more info 0414 771 367

BLESS OUR BROTHERS IN BUSINESS.

Roscoe Crouch 0412 490 115 – Itinerant Teacher and Marriage Celebrant. Computer software trouble shooting (very cheap rates & I only bill you if I fix it)! Computer literacy training, FREE Consultation. Discount for BFC members and family.

Wayne Hall 3208 5033 – Security screens, doors and blinds, also Trike tours with a difference supplying morning or afternoon tea or lunch. Weddings are a specialty!

Jock Bamford 3808 5713 – Opp Shops with cheap furniture and quality second hand clothing, bags of rags also available, 29 Mary St. & 101 Ewing Rd. shop 7 (Shopping Center).



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Ephesians 4:1-6

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Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8

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Sin is simply separation from God!

Psa 51:5 KJV *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

Psa 51:5 (Gods Word Trans) *Indeed, I was born guilty. I was a sinner when my mother conceived me.*

I was reading a book recently and the author used this verse and others, when the Holy Spirit pointed out to me “*Sin is not a dirty word*”. Now before you stone me, read on! When we are born we are born with Sin even though we have not yet done anything wrong. Lust, Anger, hatred, Murder, Adultery, Fornication and the such; are all just the fruits of Sin in our life. Read Galatians 5 about the fruits of the flesh and of the Spirit and you will see what I am saying. Adam and Eve chose to separate themselves from God by eating of the forbidden fruit, we either choose to fellowship with God or go our own way.

I once heard a famous preacher say “*I have to force myself to sin*”, I did not think much of what he said, actually I called him arrogant, but now I understand what he was saying because that man spent the most of his day talking about the word, fellow-shipping with other believers, meditating upon scripture, listening to praise and worship and basically fellow-shipping with God most of every day. Therefore he was open and ready to hear from the Lord when he was about to do something wrong or if he had an attitude problem.

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Galatians 5:16 shows us that if we are led of the Spirit we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh! The only way we can be led of the Spirit is to stay in contact with him through the word, music, fellowship or whatever way you please, most people only ever have problems during the week when they are not at church, if we had a hard look at ourselves we would see that this is true. Yes we have trials and Tribulations, but that is not an excuse for us to hate or be offended or go steal or whatever you can think of that you know is “*called to be sin*”. Remember, this is only the fruit of the sin in your life; which is basically the lack of time spent with God. Sin is separation from God!



Take note that Jesus said in Mat 5:28 that if a man were to look upon a woman and lust after her he has committed adultery in his heart, the sin is already there before the action, same as with the devil, he actually did nothing wrong physically speaking but in his heart he said I will exalt myself above the throne of God, he separated himself from God (and tried to take control) SIN is separation from God,

James 4:5-10 says “Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **Submit yourselves therefore to God.** Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.** Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and **purify your hearts, ye double minded.** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Does that mean I am not saved you ask? NO it does not mean that, God sees us through his son Jesus, we see ourselves as who we are and what we do, the devil condemns us when we slip up, but if we realize that God loved us while we were yet sinners (Rom 5:8), how much more does he love us now we are under the grace of what Jesus done on the cross for us. If you have a problem with Sin in your life or more correctly the fruit of Sin, spend a little more time with God in whatever way you feel. Sin is not a dirty word, it is a condition of our walk with God, the closer we walk with him the less sin we will have, and mind you the less temptation too. Likewise the scriptures show us in 1John 1:8 If we say that we have **no sin**, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. It is by grace we are saved through faith not of works - Eph 2:8. Paul talks about the struggle with Sin in Romans 7 as well, there is no little sin or big sin - sin is sin and the more of it in your life the further from God you are, have a heart check up today, God is faithful to forgive us IF we repent!

Bikers for Christ's first ride!

Well we all met up at the BP at Waterford and headed off over Tamborine, 12 bikes in all started with one soon dropping off due to illness, shortly after another bike lost the use of his clutch but still continued on clutchless! The line was well spread out and the racing was fun along the bottom of the mountain on the straight flats, Maccas at Beaudesert tasted the same as anywhere else and the fellowship was good, some riders peeled off soon after here and the rest of us went back to a riders house for refreshments and some really excellent fellowship, not to mention someone in particular reliving my past at Bike rallies from whence he had met me 10 year ago, to everyone's delight and laughter of my antics of falling off at rallies, cracking crank cases, and basically acting the rally clown.

Overall I was really surprised by the turn up and quality of the day, I have not had that much good fellowship with other Christian Bikers for over 10 years. God is good and the next ride will be even better, we will be departing Garden City Shell garage at 9am heading out to fernvale and over Mt Glorious, many riders have come un-stuck on this mountain so I will be setting the pace over the mountain, we will stop at the top for refreshments at a cafe where hundreds of riders pass and many stop, so the sight seeing should be good then 20 min down the mountain to Samford for lunch BYO or shops. To the many who said they were coming last time and didn't – ***You missed out!***



TECH TIPS

Blown a fuse in the middle of nowhere without a spare? Take a walk and find some silver paper, inside of cigarette packet or anything similar to foil, wrap it round the old fuse and replace, this is only very temporary (find nearest garage and replace), check the temperature of the fuses and wiring with motor running that surrounding wires do not become hot as this may cause burn out, if you have no silver paper, utilize another fuse maybe from indicators or break light, if your main fuse is blown it is the only 30 amp fuse and you will need silver paper, you may try a smaller fuse but I don't like your chances. Best idea is to check your bike today that you do have a couple of spare fuses in your fuse box, you can always use a larger amp fuse but be careful using smaller ones it may just blow straight away. Ensure that you always replace the blown fuse shortly afterward with the correct size if you have made use of a different fuse.